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Jap Planes Bomb Feni

'Hurricanes' Destroy Five Enemy Aircraft And Damage Others

NEW DELHI, April 2.

Yesterday afternoon thirty Japanese bombers with fighter escort attacked Feni in south-east Bengal, says India Command Joint War Communique.

JAPS SUFFER IN AIR COMBATS

The enemy who came over at a great height were intercepted by eleven "Hurricanes" and combats took place over a wide area. Our fighters destroyed five of the raiders and damaged several others of which at least three probably did not regain their base. One of our "Hurricanes" was shot down but the pilot was seen to bale out. Some civilian property in Feni village was damaged and some casualties have been reported.

Yesterday morning a few enemy aircraft dropped bombs in field near Bawli Bazar, causing neither casualties nor damage.

Fighters on offensive patrol yesterday damaged a Japanese aircraft on Magwe aerodrome, set fire to enemy occupied buildings near Pantha and machine-gunned supply sampans on the Chindwin river. Last night other aircraft bombed Chauk and Myingyan.

From these operation, in addition to the fighter already mentioned one of our aircraft is missing.—A.P.

BENGAL DECLARED "RED AREA"

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The following communique has been issued by the Government of Bengal:—

Some misunderstanding has been caused by the publication of a statement that Government have informed the Calcutta Corporation that the whole of Bengal is a "Red Area" as being vulnerable to air raids and that unfinished schemes for A.R.P. or Civil Defence must be rapidly completed. Quite unjustifiable inierences have been drawn from the use of the phrase "Red Area", namely, that some new situation has arisen and that some new danger threatens Bengal; actually the phrase is merely a convenient official way of briefly describing that a particular area is within range of enemy aircraft, a condition which everyone knows has existed in the case of Bengal for the last year. The phrase "Red Aera" therefore carries no special significance, and its application to Bengal does not mean that the threat to this Province or to any part of it has suddenly grown more serious than it has been at any time during the past twelve months.

The Government letter referred to merely points out that while improved conditions have made it possible to scale down A.R.P. measures in some Provinces further west, the Province of Bengal must still be regarded as liable to air raids, and that while it is unnecessary to embark upon new and costly A.R.P. measures, the schemes already sanctioned and taken up should be completed without delay and kept up to required standard. In short, the letter means that while there is to be no reduction of A.R.P. measures in Bengal and there can be no relaxation, threre is no fresh cause for alarm.—A. P.

Eden Talks Of Enduring Peace

OTTAWA, April 2.

The Foreign Secretary Mr. Eden broadcasting to the Canadian people last night largely reiterated his statement to the Canadian Parliament in which he called for total disarmament of Germany, Italy and Japan as the first essential of an enduring peace.

He said that for a peace which could endure we should need not only close understanding between ourselves, the British Commonwealth and the United States, Russia and China but full cooperation of all the United Nations and added "together we shall win the war and win the peace. Nothing less will content us. It is our duty—yours and mine—to hand on to our children a world in which freedom can live and man commands his soul".—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK

LONDON, April 2.

Reuter's special correspondent with the American forces in Tunisia cables to-day (Friday):—

The Germans employing armour, launched a counter-attack against the Americans early this morning on the Gafsa-Gabes Road near the junction of another road to Kebili.—Reuter.

SPELLMAN MEETS DE VALERA

DUBLIN, April 2.

The Archbishop of New York. Rev. Spellman had an interview with the Prime Minister Mr. De Valera, but the character of the talks has not been revealed.—Reuter.

Winant To Return To London

LONDON, April 2.

The Minister of Information Mr. Brendon-Bracken announced to-day that the American Ambassador Mr. John Winant will be back in London soon. "He has been Mr. Eden's companion in one of the most successful visits British statesman has ever paid to America," Mr. Bracken added.

5 KILLED IN RLY. ACCIDENT

ALLAHABAD, April 2.

A railway accident at Manauri Station on the East Indian Railway near Allahabad on the Cawnpore-Allahabad section took place this morning when the 14 down express, a newly started train from Thursday, collided with the Manauri goods-pilot.

A relief has been rushed from here and the railway authorities are on the spot

OFFICIAL VERSION.

BOMBAY, April 2.

The Divisional Superintendent, E. I. Railway, wires from Allahabad under to-day's date:

At about 6-18 hours on 2nd April, 14 Down Express collided with Manauri pilot at Mansuri station on the Allahabad-Cawnpore section, resulting in the driver of the train and four others being killed and 37 passengers being injured.

8 Down Express, 82 Down Parcel Express, 1 Up Mail and 7 Up were diverted via Unao, Unchanar and Phaphamau. Passengers of 14 Down and 125 Up were transhipped into 125 Up and rear portion of 14 Down respectively, and these trains ran on the correct numbers.—United Press.

JAP SURVIVORS CAPTURED

Echo Of Bismarck Sea Battle In Pacific

LONDON, April 2.

From Reuter's special correspondent at an advanced Allied base in New Guinea: Special Australian patrols on Goodenought and Trobriand islands off the northern coast of New Guinea have captured hundreds of Japanese survivors from the smashed convoys in the Bismarck Sea Many of the parties had drifted ashore on 200 miles of the islands' coastlines and over 100 were killed, when they showed fight. Many more are believed to have perished as they drifted on the current which carried them to the islands.

ALLIES RAID ENEMY BASES

Allied Headquarters South-West Pacific "communique" reports that Allied planes have raided Mubo Finschhafen and Saumlaki. In Dutch New Guinea area, a medium bomber which was intercepted by two Japanese fighters destroyed both of its opponents.

CASUALTIES IN NEW GUINEA

SYDNEY: Gen. Blamey said to-day in an interview that there were 3,000 Australians killed in New Guinea. Australians themselves buried 9,000 Japanese in New Guinea and of course there was no means of computing the number whose ashes were sent back to Japan.

Big Air Battle Over Guadalcanar

WASHINGTON, April 2.

Thirty to forty Japanese "Zero" fighters were engaged by United States planes in a big battle north-east of Guadalcanar in the Solomon islands yesterday, states a Navy Department Communique. Sixteen Japanese and six United States planes were shot down.—Reuter.

Jap Bombers Over China

CHUNGKING, April 2.

Renewed Japanese air-raids are reported to-day from many parts of China. On the Chekiang-Fukien border 9 planes yesterday carried out an extensive raid, details of which have not yet been revealed.

In south-western Chekiang, Lishui was raided causing 60 casualties. Places in western Chekiang were also attacked.—

"Puppet" troops guarding the Tsinpu Railway, which is part of the Tientsin-Pukow Line, mutinied and killed scores of Japanese officers and men, the 'communique' adds. Then they joined the Chinese forces.

'Monty' Prepares For Next Move

LONDON, April 2.

From Reuter's Special Correspondent at Allied Headquarters in North Africa:—The first phase of the battles for South Tunisia has ended. General Montgomery, following his usual practice, is pausing after a successful bound forward and is preparing for the next move.

For the first time since his thrust forward from El-Alamein, the Eighth Army is being held up by natural obstacles. With General Montgomery recovering his breath, the role of Americans moving eastwards from the Gafsa sector is becoming more important.

CONTACT WITH AFRIKA KORPS

The Algiers Radio said to-day, "The Eighth Army is in contact with Rommel's forces 25 miles north of Gabes." The Algiers Radio added: Vanguards of the Eighth Army have established contact with Afrika Korps rearguards and are engaging them about 25 miles north of Gabes on the road of Sfax.

To the north of Shott el Jer D American forces are continuing their advance along the road from Gafsa to Mahares which is on the coast about 25 miles south of Sfax.

IN CENTRAL SECTOR

In the central sector, American troops in close co-operation with French units have reached a point some miles from Pichon.

In the northern sector, despite bad weather, the First Army is advancing in the direction of Mateur."

GERMANS ON THE DEFENSIVE

In the far north the Germans have assumed an entirely defensive attitude—an attitude which can be seen all way down from Sedjenane to Oudref.

For the second day in succession the North-west African Air Force made a raid with nearly a hundred bombers.

FLARE UP ON DONETZ FRONT

LONDON, April 2.

Morning despatch from Reuter's special correspondent in Moscow:

After a short lull the battle in the middle reaches of the Northern Donetz flared up during the night. To-day's Soviet communique reported that units of one Soviet formation repulsed an infantry attack inflicting heavy losses on the Germans.

The Red Army to-day reported a new success in the Upper Donetz. A small unit has penetrated and occupied a German base in depth of the German defence line and then held it against four German counter-attacks.

After advancing on another sector of the western reaches of the river, Soviet forces have fortified their positions which are being held in the face of a German counter-attack, says a front line despatch.

A supplement to to-day's Soviet communique says: "On the Central front, our troops consolidated their positions and carried out patrol activity. South of the town of Byeli, one of our units annihilated up to 200 officers and men.—Reuter.

GERMANY BOTTLES UP FR. WORKERS

ZURICH, April 2.

Germans on Thursday established a closed area 3 kilometres deep along the Swiss frontier with the object of preventing French workers from escaping to Switzerland.—Reuter.

BROACH MUNICIPAL TEACHERS' STRIKE ENDS

(From A Correspondent)

BROACH, April 2.

The strike of school teachers has been settled. The teachers have won glorious victory. The Municipality has agreed to grant the dearness allowance. The schools will start Saturday.

Viceroy Greets Gate-Keepers Of India

PESHAWAR, April 2.

H. E. the Viceroy replying to an address presented to him by the people of the North-West Frontier Province at Peshawar to-day said:

"The threat of war has happily not approached the North-West Frontier Province. But the importance of the Province remains as great as ever. It is still one of the great Gateways to India, and Government still look to you to be their faithful gate-keepers.

WISDOM V. UNWISDOM

When, last autumn, unwise leadership led so many to participate in outrages and disorders which disturbed the peace of India, and did such harm to her great name the commonsense, the wisdom of the leaders of this Province preserved harmony and order in this most important area. I warmly congratulate you, gentlemen, on the record of the North-West Frontier Province during those anxious days.—A. P.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND READERS

We regret that, owing to a strike by hawkers, there has been some irregularity in the distribution of the "Bombay Chronicle". All possible efforts are being made to see that every one of our subscribers and readers gets his copy. If, however, some of them do not receive their copies, they are requested to send for them from our office.

INDIAN BASIS OF DEMOCRACY

Sir Malcolm Darling On Need Of Revival Of Village Panchayats

LONDON, April 2.

A former Financial Commissioner of the Punjab, Sir Malcolm Darling to-day told the Royal Society that democracy in India could not succeed without a vigorous system of village self-Government. He suggested that this should be encouraged in two ways:—By the revival of the old Village Panchayat and development of the Co-operative Movement.

"We must remember that only about ten per cent. of the rural population are literate".

Sir Malcolm said: "Many would think democracy is impossible in the circumstances but India seems committed to the venture and now a practical consideration is how to make democracy safe for the village and its 350 million inhabitants".—Reuter.

Leaders' Next Step

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, April 2.

Bitter comments were heard in the lobby on the Viceroy's reply to Mr. Rajagopalachari's deputation, which became known late in the evening.

Consultations are, however, going on among leaders REGARDING THE NEXT STEP —WHETHER FOR INSTANCE NEW POLITICAL ORGANISATION SHOULD NOT BE FORMED ON ALL-PARTY BASIS FOR RETRIEVING THE SITUATION.

THREE KILLED IN CLASH WITH POLICE

(THROUGH A.P. & U.P.)

DHARWAR, April 2.

Three persons were killed and seven policemen injured in a fight at Hosritti in Haveli Taluka yesterday when a party of officials carrying land revenue collections was attacked by a gang of men, according to information received here.

Among those killed is a Congressman and an absconder for whose arrest a reward of Rs. 2,000 had been announced.

PATNA.—Mr. Asok Chaudhary of Purulia and Chandramoni Charan of Dinapore, members of the Radical Democratic Party, arrested during the disturbances and detained under the D.I.R. were released from the Patna Camp Jail.

It is also understood that Mr. M. L. Sen, pleader, also a member of the Radical Democratic Party, detained under the D.I.R. will be released from the Hazaribagh Jail in a day or two.

AMULYA CHANDRA SEN RE-ARRESTED

DACCA.—Amulya Chandra Sen was re-arrested under Rule 129 of the D.I.R. and made a security prisoner. He was convicted in the Inter-Provincial Conspiracy Case and transported to the Andamans from where he had been repatriated.

SURAT PROCESSIONISTS ARRESTED

SURAT:—A procession was taken out from Hatkeshwar in Harupura locality and wended its way through the Baranpuri Bhagol, shouting slogans. When it came to the main bazar the procession was stopped by the police and Miss Pramilaben Bhanabhai and Miss Dahiben Sukabhai were arrested for taking out the procession without the previous permission of the District Magistrate. Punja Mathur of Khankuwa and Kabhai alias Kalidas Shanabhai Patel have been sentenced to 18 months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 40 each, in default to undergo three months' R.I. more on a charge of snatching away a mail bag from a postal runner, says a report received from Nadiad. The same report says that Punja Mathur has been sentenced to two years' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 40, in default to undergo three months' R.I. on a charge of placing a bomb in the lavatory of the "chaura" of the village of Kunjrao. Fula Dhana was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 150, in default to undergo six months' R.I. on a charge of abeting Punja Mathur in the perpetration of the crime. Mr. Jaishankar Joshi, founder of the Khadi Karyalaya at Ratanpura, has been arrested under the D.I.R., says a report from Viramgam.

POSTAL RUNNER ATTACKED

BURDWAN.— Information has reached the Head Post Office, Burdwan to the effect that several persons fell upon a mail runner carrying postal articles from Memari and took away bags containing letters and the pay of postal employees amounting to Rs. 600.

EX-D.L.B. MEMBER ARRESTED

BELGAUM: —— Vishwanathrao Yadin, a former member of the Belgaum D.L.B., and two others have been arrested under Sec. 129 of D.I.R. Three persons from Hudli were sentenced to one year's rigorous imprisonment each in connection with mailbag looting.

HUBLI:—On a charge of taking out a procession, seven persons from Morab, Dharwar District, have been sentenced to four months' imprisonment each.

AHMEDABAD, April 2.—An attempt was made to set fire to a Municipal school to-day while it was working. Stones were thrown at two other Municipal schools, but none was injured.

DEFENCE ACT ACCUSED ACQUITTED

TEZPUR (Assam), April 2.

Ghanshyam Barakataki, Rajanikanta Sandikari and Kanak Chandra Das, who were charged under section 17 (1) and (2) of the Indian Penal Code have been acquitted.

Chandranath Bardoloi, a Congress worker of Kalabari who was arrested under the Defence of India Rules has been released on acquittal.—United Press.

HIGH COURT CONFIRMS DEATH SENTENCE.

LAHORE, April 2.

The murder of Mr. K. C. Chaudhri, I. C. S., Sub-Divisional Magistrate, in a Dak Bungalow in the district of Jhelum in July, 1941, was recalled to-day at the Lahore High Court when a Division Bench, consisting of the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Ramlal, dismissing the appeal confirmed the sentence of death against Abdul Aziz, a village school teacher, one of the alleged assassins of Mr. Chaudhri.

JAIL FOR PRINTING PREJUDICIAL REPORTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

Sidhanath Trimbak Dhavle, keeper of the Murari Art Printing Press of Vanka Mohalla, was sentenced to undergo five months' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 150 or in default to suffer further R.I. for two months for printing prejudicial reports in his press on January 24.

He was charged before Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Police Court along with Janardhan Sawji, the Compositor and Laxman Govind Nimatkar, the pressman, both of whom were found guilty of assisting the press-keeper in printing the prejudicial reports and sentenced to two months' R.I. and a fine of Rs. 60 and one month's R.I. respectively.

The same Magistrat, imposed a fine of Rs. 60 or in default one month's R.I. on Chintaman Vasudeo Karandikar, who was arrested on October 29 last for possessing Congress bulletins at Katrak Lodge, Dadar.

M. L. C.s Find Council Hall Locked

INTERESTING SEQUEL TO SUSPENSION OF CONSTITUTION IN BENGAL

CALCUTTA, April 2.

Following the suspension of the constitution in Bengal, the President of the Bengal Council issued a notice to-day, that in view of the proclamation by the Governor on March 31 of Section 93 of the Government of India Act, there would be no meetings of the Council.

The members who came to attend the session of the Council this afternoon found the entrance locked and went away.

It is learnt that the President took the opinion of the Advocate-General before issuing the notice.—United Press.

Huq On Inaccuracies In Notification

CALCUTTA, April 2.

"I am surprised by the "Gazette" notification published regarding our resignations, that my resignation has been accepted with effect from the 29th March. This is contrary to facts" says Mr. Fazlul Huq, ex-Premier of Bengal, in a statement to-day.

He continues: "My resignation was accepted on the night of the 28th, and this was communicated to me at 10-15 p.m. that very night. On the morning of the 29th, I made a statement in the Bengal Legislative Assembly, in answer to a question put to me, that I had resigned on the previous night and that I was no longer a Minister. Upon this, the Speaker ruled that the whole Ministry was "functus officio", and therefore the budget motions could not be moved.

"I am making this statement, in order to make it clear that when my resignation was accepted, there was one day remaining, namely, the 29th, when the Ministry could have moved the budget demands and the whole budget would have been normally passed without any recourse to section 93 of the Government of India Act 1935".—A. P.

Independents Vote Confidence In Huq

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The Independent Party in the Bengal Legislature, of which the Nawab Bahadur of Dacca is the leader, at a meeting last night, adopted a resolution expressing its full confidence in Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq as the leader of the Progressive Coalition Party. The Party declared itself to be a component unit of the Progressive Coalition Party.—A. P.

Leaguers' Strength

CALCUTTA, April 2.

With reference to the report published this morning that 107 members of the Progressive Coalition Party have re-affirmed their confidence in Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, Khan Bahadur Mahomed Ali, Secretary of the Muslim League Parliamentary Party, in a statement, asserts definitely that the League Party can count upon the allegiance of 88 Muslim members of the Assembly.

He adds: "With the support of the European Group, some Anglo-Indian, Caste Hindu and Scheduled Caste unattached members, the Party will be able to command the support of 130 members, which makes a clear and comfortable majority in the Assembly".—United Press.

Governor's Proclamation And Elections

CALCUTTA, April 2.

The proclamation of the Governor of Bengal suspending the constitution of the province will not affect elections to fill casual vacancies already notified, and the elections in various constituences of the Bengal Legislative Council will therefore be held according to the programme already announced, according to a press note issued to-day.—A. P.

MRS. NAIDU FOR HYDERABAD

POONA, April 2.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu accompanied by her daughter left for Hyderabad (Dn.), this evening by the Madras Express. Mrs. Naidu looked very weak. She was taken in an ambulance to the railway station.—

RAMDAS GANDHI SEEKS PERMISSION

Mr. Ramdas Gandhi, it is understood, has sought Government's permission to see his mother Mrs. Kasturba Gandhi who is under detention at the Aga Khan Palace, in view of the weak condition of her health.—A. P.

NAZI TERRORISM IN GREECE

ISTANBUL, April 2: It is estimated here that the Germans have arrested more than 5,000 people in Greece since the Adana and Casablanca conferences. Nearly 300 have been shot.

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Public Notice

THE INDIAN BANK LIMITED.
Sir P. Mehta Road, BOMBAY.

WANTED

Applications are invited for the post of the Chief Cashier from persons who can furnish a cash security of Rs. 10,000. Applications stating qualifications, previous experience and minimum salary required, should reach the Agent, before 5th April, 1943.

R. S. KODANGE, Cert. A.I.B.
(London)
Agent.
(3977)

G. I. P. RLY.—TENDERS.

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for reconditioning of scrap white metal of sorts. Form obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order of Cash only. Closing date 21-4-1943 at 3 P.M. (S.T.).
(4008)

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The DIVISIONAL ENGINEER G.I.P. Railway, Bombay invites tenders upto 12 hours on 15-4-43 for stone pitching Railway embankment from miles 34/8 to 35-N.E. The Form of Tender, Schedule and Conditions of Contract can be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2 per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3- being made. These sums will not be refunded. (4002)

G. I. P. RAILWAY

RESERVED ACCOMMODATION

With immediate effect First and Second Class Compartments will be reserved over this Railway only when the number of passengers travelling is not less than the number of berths in a compartment, i.e. a two-berth four-berth, five-berth or six-berth compartment will be reserved only if 2, 4, 5 or 6 passengers respectively are actually travelling. (4024)

NOTICE

THE CASH TRANSACTIONS of the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Departments will be closed on MONDAY the 5th April, 1943.
E. SHEEHY,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
M. V. & Taxation, Bombay.
Motor Vehicles Deptt.,
Gymnasium Rd., Bombay.
2nd April 1943.
(4025)

BOMBAY PORT TRUST

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned at his Office upto 1 p.m. (S.T.) the 12th April, 1943, for cutting round teak logs into required cut length

TENDER forms giving full particulars can be obtained on payment of Re. 1/- which will not be sent by V.P.P.

R. C. MASTER,
Ag. Controller of Stores.
Mazagon, Bombay.
4005

BURMA GOVERNMENT

COPIES of the Burma Civil List corrected up to the 1st March 1943 can be obtained from the Premier's Secretary, Burma Secretariat, 12, Hotel Desoteros, Simla, at Rs. 2-8-0 a copy. Applications should be made as soon as possible as only a limited number of copies are available. Payments should be made by money order only. (3947)

BOMBAY-SIND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

invites applications by *1st May 1943* for posts of (1) *Professor of Business Organisation and Cotton Economics, Sydenham College, Bombay, Pay.*—Rs. 300-900 *for men* and 300-560 *for women.* (Higher starting pay may be given.) *Qualifications.*— Good Commerce degree and College teaching experience. Practical experience or training will be an advantage. *Age.*—Between 23 and 30 years on 1-7-1943, subject to relaxation.

(2) Professor of Zoology, Royal Institute of Science, Bombay. Pay.—Rs. 300-900 *for men* and Rs. 300-560 *for women. Qualifications.*— Good Biological degree, College teaching experience, and research work. *Age.*—Between 23 and 30 years on 1-7-1943, subject to relaxation.

Application forms will be supplied on receipt of *large* addressed envelope with 2 1/2 annas stamps and *uncrossed* Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will also supply full details on request.
4006.

NOTICE.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the post of General Manager of the Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Ltd. Pay Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 1,500/- P.M. according to qualifications and experience. Provident Fund contribution by Bank at 6 1/2% of pay. Applications stating age and experience with copies of testimonials should reach the undersigned by the 31st May, 1943.

(Sd.) HAVELI RAM,
Chief Secretary.
His Highness' Govt.
Jammu & Kashmir.
4001.

BRITISH CEYLON CORPORATION LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that this Corporation has declared a first Interim Dividend of 8 per cent on the Ordinary Shares and 6 per cent on the Preference Shares for the year ending 31st October, 1943, payable on the 2nd April, 1943, to all those shareholders registered in the books of the Company as at 25th March, 1943.

By Order of the Board,
N. C. ALCOCK,
Secretary.
Hultsdorf Mills,
P. O. Box 281,
COLOMBO, 25th March, 1943.
(4009)

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, WAR DEPARTMENT

I.S.D. Inspection Circle, Bombay.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED IMMEDIATELY for temporary posts of:

EXAMINERS OF STORES (STEEL STRUCTURAL)

Candidates should have had good general education and sound knowledge of fundamentals of Engineering Theory and design. They should have served apprenticeship or received practical training for 3 years in an Engineering Workshop of repute engaged in general engineering and should either (a) have had further practical structural experience, preferably in Steel Works, for not less than 2 years or (b) have a Structural Degree or equivalent diploma. Pay Rs. 150-200 according to qualifications.

CERTAIN POSTS ARE RESERVED FOR MUSLIMS

Application forms are obtainable from the undersigned on payment of Re. 1/- in cash or by M.O. only. Name and full address of the applicant should be written in BLOCK CAPITALS on Money Order Coupon. No postage stamps will be accepted.

CONTROLLER OF INSPECTION.
Feltham House, Graham Road,
Ballard Estate, Bombay.
(3935)

I.S.D. INSPECTION CIRCLE

WAR DEPARTMENT, BOMBAY. WANTED.

TYPISTS:—Scale of pay Rs. 50—10—60—2—80 plus usual Dearness Allowance. The pay of the candidates with previous one year clerical or typing experience will be fixed at Rs. 60/- in the grade 60—2—80 as Routine Division Clerks.

QUALIFICATIONS: Matriculate, with typing speed of 40 words, previous experience preferred.

AGE LIMIT: 30 years, can be waived in deserving cases (specially for Muslim Candidates).

Application, in own handwriting to be sent to The Controller of Inspection, Feltham House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

No. E/3(2)G/243.
Dated, Bombay, the 2-4-1943.
(4022)

WANTED

WIRELESS TECHNICIANS with the undermentioned qualifications are wanted for the Army.

(1) Previous experience of Wireless Engineering.
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(3) Capable of one or more of the following:—
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Apply in person or writing to the nearest of the undermentioned Technical Recruiting Officers.

1. Stanton Road, Poona.
2. Esplanade Maidan North, Fort, Bombay.
3. Lal Darwaja, Ahmedabad.
4. Assembly Rest House, Nagpur.
5. Military Barracks Khandwa.
6. Old Telegraph Office, Bungalow No. 39, Belgaum.
(3973)

Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 39 OF 1943
Re: GANPAT KRISHNARAO NAIK, residing at Girgaum, Bombay. ..... A Debtor.
Ex parte: Messrs. SAREMAL SUKANRAJ & CO.: Petitioning Creditors.

On the 30th day of March, 1943, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1943.
S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Register.
(4013)

Public Notice

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.
(PURCHASE BRANCH)

Tender No. P/222 A.

Tenders are invited for the supply of:—
(i) Bottle water with cup and strap, bottle for ..... 11102 Nos. (carrying bottle made of tinned copper of 3 pint capacity)
(ii) Bottle water with cup and strap, cup for....11102 Nos (cup to fit the above bottle).

Tender forms which are not transferable, may be obtained on payment of Rs. 6 - per set, which amount is not refundable from the Deputy Controller of Purchase, Office of the Director General, Indian Medical Service New Delhi or from the Deputy Assistant Director General, (Medical Stores) Medical Store Depot, Calcutta, Bombay, Madras or Lahore Cantonment. Payment should be made in cash or by Money order, quoting remitter's full address and the above tender No. on the money order coupon.

Tenders will be received upto 4 P.M. on 21st April, 1943.
(4019)

Legal Notices

APPENDIX II—FORM NO. 3

SUMMONS FOR DISPOSAL OF SUIT.

Section 26, Order. V, rules 1 (1) and 5 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

In the Additional District Munsiff's Court of Alleppey
Original Suit No. 788/1117
The CENTRAL BANKING CORPORATION OF TRAVANCORE, LTD., Alleppey ..... Plaintiff.

(1) D. D. DESAPANDE, residing at 241, Frere Road, Fort, Bombay (2) N. P. THANU PILLAI, residing at Ismail Bungalow alias South Indian General Assurance Company, Ltd., Office, 381, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. ..... Defendants.

To
The defendants aforesaid.

WHEREAS the said Plaintiff has instituted a suit against you for , you are hereby summoned, to appear in this Court by person or by duly authorised pleader of the Court, duly instructed, and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some other person able to answer all such questions, on the 10th day of Edavam 1118, (24th May, 1943) at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to answer the abovenamed plaintiff, and, as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit you must be prepared to produce all your witnesses on that day. If you intend to appear and contest the suit you are hereby required to file in Court, on or before the day abovementioned, a proceeding stating your address for service at which service of any summons, notice or other process may be made on you, in default whereof, you are liable to have your defence struck out and to be placed in the same position as if you had not defended.

You are also hereby required to take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before-mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence; and you will bring with you, or send by your pleader, which the plaintiff desires to inspect, and any documents on which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, this the fourteenth day of Menom 1118 (27th March, 1943).

By Order,
A. RAMA IYER,
Head Clerk.
(4011)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1537 of 1939

THAKAR MEGHJI MONJI .....Plaintiff.
V/s.
POPATLAL SHAMJI and Others .....Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, dated 28th August, 1941 and Judge's Order, dated 22nd June, 1942, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his office in the Court House on Monday the 26th day of April 1943 at 3 P.M.

PARTICULARS

"ALL that piece of land including the open space on the North with the dwelling house built of lime and bricks thereon on the Southern side of the Kotargat Road near Hanuman Vav within the limits of the Town of Bhiwandi in Thana, District admeasuring 113 square yards or thereabouts bearing Collector of Land Revenue under City Survey No. 345 on Sheet No. 42 and Municipality of Bhiwandi Nizampur under House No. 34."

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM AND MADAN, Attorneys for the plaintiff above-named at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 20th day of March 1943.
ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
4010

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SARDAR NAWAB Sir NAHARSINGHJI ISHWARSINGHJI, Kt., Thakore Saheb of Amod has agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property for anything whatsoever are required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 35, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, as otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL THAT piece of leasehold land with buildings thereon admeasuring 600 square yards situate on and being Plot No. 7 Shivaji Park Scheme at Mahim in the City and Island and Sub-Registration District of Bombay bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1713 of Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 4687 (2) and Street No. 17 (A) and bounded, on the North by Plot No. 8 of the Shivaji Park Estate, on the East by Plot No. 9 of the said Estate, on the South by Public Road and on the West by Plot No. 5 of the said Estate

MANCHERSHAW B. CHOTHIA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
(4010)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GHANESHAM HARISHCHANDRA RELE DATTATRIYA GHANESHAM RELE, BALKRISHNA GHANESHAM RELE, and SHRINIWAS MANOHAR RELE the 'Karta' and Manager of his joint family consisting of himself and his sons Goonvant Shriniwas Rele, Jayavant Shriniwas Rele and Babooram Shriniwas Rele the last two minors by their father and duly appointed guardian the said Shriniwas Manohar Rele have contracted to sell the under-mentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Government land or ground (for ever released, freed and discharged from the land revenue) together with the messuages tenements or dwelling houses, hereditaments and premises built and standing thereon, situate, lying and being without the Fort of Bombay at Old Woman's Island or Small Colaba in Manekji Street and in the registration Sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 198 3/9 square yards and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collectors Rent Roll No. 8295, Old Nos. 45 and 48 New No. 4740 and 2/4738, Old Survey No. 51 and New Survey No. 9930 and 3/9621 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 230 of Colaba Division also portion of land of Quit and Ground-rent tenure (cess redeemed) admeasuring 4 6/9 square yards, containing by admeasurement in the aggregate 203 square yards or thereabouts and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Manekji Street on or towards the West by the property of De Souza, on or towards the North formerly partly by the Sweepers passage, partly by the house of Damajee Krishnajee and partly by the house of Dewoobai, widow of Mahadeo Vishram and Ramji Bhandaree and at present by Manekji Street and on or towards the South by the Mahomedan Mosque and which premises are at present in the occupation of the tenants.

Dated this 1st day of April 1943
MULLA & MULLA,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
4001.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that N. DYSON and K. DYSON of Bombay Christian Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise, howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 36, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of land of the Freehold tenure containing by admeasurement 1210 square yards or thereabouts bearing plot No 399 together with the tenement or building standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bandra under House No. 399 all which premises are situate at 14th Road Khar and in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are bounded on the East by plot Nos. 388 to 389 on the West by Fourteenth Road, on the North by plot No. 398 and on the South by plot No. 400.

Dated this 2nd day of April, 1943.
GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
4014.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that LIMBAJI SHANKER CHASKER, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at 36 Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece of leasehold (Fazandari) land with the structures standing thereon situate at Ghorupdeo Road, admeasuring 3200 Sq. Yds bearing New Survey No. 5&10/3625 (part) and Municipal E Ward Nos. 3140-3148 Street Nos. 15 to 23 and bounded as follows, on the East by the ground of Ramchandra Bhasker Sakhalkar on the West by the house of Jamsetji Nowroji Billimoria on the North by the private passage leading to Gorupdeo Road and on the South by Maratha Hospital.

Dated this 2nd day of April 1943.
GHULAMALI NOORANI & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys.
4015

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that NAVAJBAI CAWASJI NAZIR, RATANSHA CAWASJI NAZIR and DHUNJISHAW CAWASJI NAZIR, Trustees of the Deed of Settlement dated 5th October, 1940, created by Navajbai Cawasji Nazir have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all encumbrances.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, possession, mortgage, sale, exchange, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay within fourteen days from the date of publication hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same if any will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

A piece of land with buildings thereon, situate at Parel Road, Bombay, admeasuring 3091 square yards (2854 square yards Foras Tenure and 237 square yards leasehold), bearing Collector's Old No., 606, New No. 13459, New Survey No. 3/3618, Cadastral Survey No. 798, Mazagon Division and Bombay Municipal E Ward Nos. 7494(1), 7494(2), 7495(1), 7495(2), 7496, 7497, 7498, 7499(1) and 7499(2) Street Nos. 41A, 41B, 41C, 41D, 41E, 41F, 41G and 41H and bounded on the East by the property of Sir Jacob Sassoon on the West by Parel Road, on the North by public passage and on the South by the property of Ranchoddas Chatarbhuj Cutchi Lohana Orphanage.

Dated this 1st day of April, 1943.
MAZAGONWALLA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
4003.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1338 of 1941

DAWOOD ISMAIL KHAN ..... Plaintiff.
V/S
IBRAHIM ISMAIL KHAN & Ors. ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Consent Decretal Order of Reference to Commissioner dated 17th April, 1942, the following immovable properties will be sold by Public Auction in 2 lots and 1 Motor Car described in Lot No. 3 by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at the site of the premises of Lot No. II on MONDAY, the 19th April, 1943, at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS.
LOT NO. I.

ALL THAT piece of land of leasehold tenure, admeasuring 238 square yards bearing Collector's Old Nos. 19 and 19, New Nos. 16245 and 16246 and Old Survey No. 565 and New Survey Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and Cadastral Survey No. 3596 No. 144 of Mazagaon Division with building thereon bearing Municipal "E" Ward No. 5696, Street No. 12 (Old) and 37 (new) all which premises are at Dock Yard Road, Bombay.

LOT NO. II.

ALL THAT piece of freehold land, admeasuring 1214 2/9 square yards or thereabouts bearing Collector's New Survey No. 3351 and Cadastral Survey No. 4/1 of Mazagaon Division with building thereon and Municipal "E" Ward Nos. 5068(1), (1A), (2) and 5069, Street Nos. 71-41-47, 35-39, 27-38 and 21-25 all which premises are situate at Nawab Tank Road and D'Lima Street.

N. B.—The above building is known as "Khan Mansion".

LOT NO. II

Motor Car "Pontiac" make H. P. Registered under No. BMX 2536.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT, Attorneys for the Plaintiff abovenamed at Jehangir Wadia Building, 51, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 27th day of February 1943.
(Sd.) ARMAND F SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
(4004)

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Auction Sales

AUCTION SALE OF 200 BALES OF COLOURED YARN WASTE.

Under instruction from the Insurance Co., concerned Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will sell by public auction on Thursday the 8th April 1943 at 3 p.m. (N.S.T.) at Krishna Press at Jackeria Bunder Road.

200 Bales Coloured Yarn Waste (damaged by fire and water).

Terms—Cash

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF TIMBER SCRAP.

By order of The Officer-in-Charge Military Timber Depot, Sewree, Messrs. Gandhi & Co. will offer for Sale by Public Auction on Wednesday the 7th Inst. at 2-30 P. M. (S. T.) at Military Stores Depot, Haji Bunder, Sewree:—

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The Bombay Chronicle

SABOTAGING THE CONSTITUTION

The recent doings of the Governor of Bengal, following those of the Governor of Sind, confirm the suspicion that the British Government are striving hard to nullify what little autonomy still exists in India. It is notorious that the main reason why Dr. Shyam Prasad Mukherji had to resign was the persistent attempts of the Governor to encroach on the rights of the Ministers and to ignore their advice. This policy encouraged the Opposition to move votes of censure on the Ministry on several occasions but the attempts were all foiled. The last censure motion was moved on the 24th March but was defeated by a comfortable majority of 116 against 86 votes. Yet only four days later the Governor took the extraordinary step of asking the Premier to resign, and the forced resignation was accepted with indecent haste on the night of the 28th. The people believed for a time that Mr. Huq's majority had somehow vanished suddenly or that in any case the Governor had ascertained that a different Ministry would have a better majority. But after a show of interviewing different leaders the Governor suddenly announced on the 31st that he had suspended the Constitution and had constituted himself the sole administrator under Section 93 of the Government of India Act of 1935.

The Governor's excuse for this subversive act is that on account of Mr. Huq's resignation on the 28th he found himself on the 31st "with a Ministry and in a position where it was impossible to put through the Bengal Legislative Assembly the remaining demands for grants before the 1st April." If so, if he did not want such a situation, why did he ask the Premier to resign on the 28th? The Governor created a crisis and then made that an excuse for suspending the Constitution. In the absence of any better explanation he may yet give, the public will naturally believe that he wished to suspend the Constitution and that to find an excuse for it he caused a break-down by forcing Mr. Huq to resign. It is not at all surprising to learn that a public meeting held at Calcutta described the Governor's tactics as attempts "to sabotage the Constitution" and demanded that he should no longer remain in office as Governor.

High-handed and unconstitutional as is the Governor's entire procedure, his plans for the future are far from reassuring. Under the letter and spirit of the constitution he must form a new Ministry as soon as a fairly stable one can be formed. He has no right to keep the constitution suppressed for an indefinite period till he gets what is to him a satisfactory Ministry. His communique states that he "proposes, as soon as he is satisfied that a stable and representative Ministry is available which commands the confidence of the Legislature and is willing to assume the responsibilities of office, to revoke the proclamation." Now, the representative character of the Ministry is to be judged by the confidence of the Legislature in it. If a stable enough Ministry can be formed, he is bound to accept it in preference to his autocracy, whether or not the Ministry is representative of all or most parties to his satisfaction. The words of his communique, considered against the back-ground of his tactics, rouse the suspicion that he will cling tenaciously to his autocracy till he gets a subservient Ministry, ruling out a self-asserting one on the plea that it is not representative enough. We would certainly welcome a Coalition Ministry and we wholeheartedly support the appeal of the Calcutta Women's Self-Defence Committee for an All-Parties Government, including in particular the Congress and the League. But the point we would earnestly press is that, if for any reason either or both of these bodies are unwilling to accept office and if even then a stable Ministry is possible, the Governor must be called upon to accept that Ministry, if only because it is responsible to the Legislature, wherever the Governor is constitutionally irresponsible. In other words at the earliest possible opportunity the rule of the Legislature must be resumed; which particular Ministry is to be responsible to it being a secondary question. Any responsible Ministry is better than the constitutional irresponsibility of the Governor. He should not be allowed to play in Bengal the tactics that are being played with regard to the Central Government. He should not be encouraged to plead that resumption of autonomy is possible only if the Congress and the League come to an agreement.

Axis Dunkirk ?

Algiers Radio was wrong in announcing the other day that British naval forces had landed at Sfax. That port remains in Axis hand but it is noteworthy that Rommel although still some fifty miles south of Sfax has already started demolishing its harbour installations. Evidently he has no intention of making any serious stand anywhere in the Central Tunisian coastal area. Meanwhile the Americans driving eastwards on Sfax are reported to have contacted British Eighth Army vanguards slowly advancing northwestwards from Gabes. It is perhaps the safer strategy for Rommel to run away to the Northern coastal area as best as he can. If he can succeed in joining Von Arnim with the bulk of his forces the Axis commanders will certainly be able to give the Allies a good and hard fight before they are finished. But the first question is whether Rommel will manage to escape in any appreciable strength. He has some 150 miles to go and while his rear-guards and minefields are rendering him considerable assistance, his retreat is being made a costly affair by Allied air and naval bombardment of his columns. And, secondly, Anglo-American forces may yet catch up with him if only to cripple him still further.

But will the Axis make a determined stand at all in the Tunis-Bizerta region? The question occurs to us because of a report, but unofficial, to the effect that the British First Army advancing from Sedjenane in the direction of Mateur has temporarily lost contact with the enemy because of the rapidity of the latter's withdrawal. Can it be that both Rommel and Von Arnim are running away with the object of clearing out of Tunisia before they are faced with a real and much more terrible "Dunkirk"? It is perhaps too complacent a view to take of the situation. But unless present developments take some unexpected turn there is no reason to doubt that the Allies can expel the Axis from Tunisia before the end of April.

Hedge Contract

The Government of India have at last realized their duty in regard to the control of the production and distribution of cloth, yarn and cotton. They propose to adopt a comprehensive scheme of cloth and yarn control designed to produce an increase in production and to ensure that cloth and yarn reach the ultimate consumers at reasonable prices. Government seek effective co-operation in this direction but care should be taken to see that black markets do not come into existence. Government also intend doing away with hedge contract markets which exist in Bombay and Karachi. Such trading in the new crop will be prevented. This will be a new experiment in the history of the Indian cotton trade as the hedge market is believed to be a safety valve in the marketing of the cotton crop. But, unscrupulous operators have, on several occasions, taken undue advantage of the facility of forward trading. It is this element, which is mainly responsible for the miseries of the cotton trade. Government intend increasing the production of yarn and cloth which is roughly about four lakh cotton bales. If it is increased by half a lakh more, the total consumption of raw cotton will amount to about 54 lakh bales. This year we have a crop of about 45 lakh bales and the shortage will have to be met from the balance of previous years. Thus the statistical position of cotton is very sound. The prospects for the next year will strengthen the cotton position as the Government propose to carry on the "Grow More Food" campaign. This will mean less cotton crop. Thus, for some time Indian cotton growers will be able to realize a fair price for cotton on the basis of the prospective controlled price of yarn and cloth, but subsequently it will be a struggle between unequals. Cotton growers have no effective organisation and their holding capacity is too small. Government have so far given no indication of giving any financial loans in case of need as are given in the United States of America. On the other hand, we have financially rich cotton mills and if they withhold their purchases during the marketing period, the middle men will make all possible efforts to offer minimum price to the cotton growers as has been done during all these years. Thus Government will have to adopt effective measures to check the exploitation of cotton growers by cotton mills and cotton buyers. In the absence of fuller details it will be too early to express any definite opinion on the Government proposal, but we think that a beginning will be made in the right direction by controlling the production and price of yarn and cloth.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Another Congress Mayor

The election of Dr. M. D. Gilder as Mayor of Bombay was a foregone conclusion in spite of several Congress councillors including himself being absent in jail. He was easily the best candidate from every point of view. Indeed, his return might well have been uncontested. The fact that he is in jail ought not to be an objection. On the other hand, the election of an esteemed detenu is particularly welcome as it shows that Government's tactics to discredit Congress leaders have miserably failed.

Conditions Of Peace

To Mr. Eden the main, almost exclusive, condition of enduring peace after the war is the total and permanent disarmament of Germany, Italy and Japan. Mr. Sumner Welles is more realistic and farsighted. He not only accepts American responsibility for policing the Axis world in the interests of peace but also warns his country of the necessity of U.S.A. participation in "such other forms of international co-operation as may effectively prevent economic or political dangers." The Americans have learnt their lesson from their post-Versailles isolationist policy. But there is one more lesson that the history of the last 25 years indeed, of more, teaches. It is that the world cannot enjoy lasting peace so long as the principle is not abolished of nation ruling over nation, whatever the excuse Fascism and Nazism must certainly go But Imperialism also must not be allowed to s'ay And the world looks now to America to see that it does not stay.

U. S. Aircraft Output

Mr. Donald Nelson the American Production Chief has declared that the U. S. A. will produce 90,000 aeroplanes in 1943. Could not even ten per cent of this production go to China? It is true that priority must be given to the smashing of Hitler. But Axis air strength and potential are now so far reduced that British and Russian air forces alone are now far superior to those of the enemy American production can make that strength overwhelming and yet be able to give ten per cent of its monthly output to China. With that assistance China can achieve much.

DR. GILDER ELECTED MAYOR

Once again after about seven months, the Municipal Corporation Hall was packed by Municipal Councillors of all shades of political opinion on Friday, as it was the Mayoral election day.

There were three candidates, viz: Dr. M. D. Gilder Mr. A. P. Sabavala and Dr. S. P. Mehta. The fourth candidate, Mr. N. C. Baarucha, who had seat in his nomination on Monday rather late was the first on Friday to withdraw. So the councillors had to vote for the three candidates only.

As stated in these columns before, Dr Gilder had the best chance of success and it proved correct, when the actual result was declared. Dr. J. A. Collaco who presided counted the votes, and declared in the first count that Dr. Gilder had received 40 votes, Mr. Sabavala 26 votes and Dr. S. P. Mehta 18 votes The name of Dr. S. P. Mehta was eliminated in the next count, and once again the councillors proceeded to the Ballot Box to record their votes and the result was that Dr. Gilder got 51 votes, and Mr. Sabavala 32 votes. In all 84 councillors out of 117 were present.

In the first count 84 councillors voted while in the next count 83 voted. Dr Collaco declared Dr. M. D. Gilder duly elected Mayor for the ensuing year amidst cheers and volleys of clapping of hands.

Since Dr. Gilder cannot take the Chair owing to his detention Dr. J. A. Collaco will continue to be the presiding authority.

WANTED CONSTRUCTIVE SOCIAL POLICY

Businessmen Are On Trial, Says G. L. Mehta

In the course of his presidential address to the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Gaganvihari L. Mehta, said:—

Whatever the conditions at the end of the war, we must therefore realise that a fundamental of economic progress is the condition of the masses. If we desire to see that there is a new order in our country and feel that things cannot be allowed to continue as they are, we should examine carefully and dispassionately our present troubles and their origins. I put it to you that at the root of economic discontent are dire poverty, gross disparity in wealth and income, absence of security and the want of equality of opportunity. Unless a social system and an economic order can cure these ills and satisfy the elmentary needs of men, it cannot long survive; productive efficiency can be maintained and can grow only on the basis of social harmony. In his four freedoms, therefore, President Roosevelt has included "freedom from want" and "freedom from fear" as essential for mankind. A consistent and healthy programme of reforms is the most effective remedy against violent social upheavals and discord. No one who desires to see India economically powerful should discount the imperative need of a positive and constructive social policy. This is not a question of one or the other "ism", for as some wag remarked, all "isms" are now "wasms"; it is a question, as Field-Marshal Smuts observed in his address to the British Parliament last October, of justice and fairplay beyond the "isms" for the common man—of travail and search to create the economic conditions of pace. Ideological divisions are blurred today and we must directly address ourselves to these vital tasks free from the trammels of rival creeds and doctrines. Crores are being spent to-day on death and destruction; why are they not spent on life and reconstruction on improving the living standard of the starving and underfed, ill-clothed and ill-housed humanity. It is not a problem but an obligation—the first obligation of Government, legislators, industrialists, economists and public men—to cure the economic maladies from which our country suffers. We have to see that in our industrial organizations efficiency of work is reconciled with security for the worker, that the desire for social betterment exists along with the satisfaction of minimum social needs, that individual initiative fosters economic progress. Our real task is to devise a social framework which while recognising the right of every citizen to a minimum degree of livelihood and social security, would ensure the efficient pursuit of economic activities by preserving a necessary flexibility in the economic system.

In this task of economic and social reconstruction, this Federation, I venture to suggest, has an important contribution to make. Freedom means responsibility and with the achievement of self-rule it would be essential to formulate informed public opinion for devising policies and measures in national interests. With more intensive co-operation and concerted efforts among the different sections of Indian commercial community, our common interests could in many ways be furthered even now, irrespective of Government machinery. Indian commercial bodies have hitherto, necessarily because of our political conditions, played a mainly critical role, although, no doubt, such criticism is designed to influence and modify governmental action. But with the attainment of popular responsibility and the growth of representative institutions, the Federation will have an increasingly constructive part to play in national economy. As the apex organisation of Indian commerce and industry, it will, I sincerely trust, not rest content to be a custodian of sectional interests in a land where sectionalism thrives, nor a defender of the 'status quo', but will strive to be the exponent of a sane and creative body of opinion in the economic sphere: the economic front, in fact, of a healthy and broad-based nationalism. In so far as Indian commercial interests seek to identify themselves with the wider economic interests of the nation, respond to the finer and growing needs of the people and continually adapt their outlook and adjust their programme to the fundamental economic requirements of the changing times, in so far would they successfully pass the trials and conflicts and struggles in the years to come and meet the challenge of the age. Let it not be said that we were weighed in the balance and found wanting. For, with the rest of the country, we also, are all on our trial at the bar of history.

India Debate Revelations

Less Than 90 Members Listen To Amery And Attlee!

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, April 2.

When Mr. Amery rose to make his forty minutes speech in the Commons on India there were between 80 and 90 members who listened during the seven minutes of his oft-repeated assurance that the door was still open and the whole situation was under constant consideration.

When Mr. Nicholson rose, the attendance fell to less than 40 which was maintained until Mr. Attlee stood near the dispatchbox to wind up. He was listened to perhaps by about 60 to 65 members.

At the end of the debate, Mr. Amery's face naturally beamed with an expression of satisfaction, apparently at what Mr Attlee described as a debate without any kind of heat (which the Deputy Premier interpreted as unity of the House) barring slightly discordant note from Mr. Sloan.

It was indeed by fa one of the quietest and dullest debates on India I have ever attended. It lasted for five hours and fifteen minutes. Twelve speakers (five Conservatives, four Labourites one Liberal and two Independents) participating except for two or three isolated interruptions.

Familiar hecklings to which Ministers as well as their critics were often subjected were conspicuous by this absence.

What is most significant was the absence from the House of those critics of Government who often use the public platform to attack the Government.

The task of criticising the Government and what may be described as defending Congress policy fell on Mr. Sloan ; whom the rest of the House with one or two exceptions heard in a spirit of "let him blow off his hot air. We can take it."

ALL CRITICS ABSENT

During the last few days, we have been listening to the speeches by men like Messrs. Silverman, Cove Maxton and Acland heroically defending the Congress' point of view at public platforms but for one reason or other the whole galaxy of stalwart critics of the Government including Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Pritt, Messrs. Bevan, Macgovern and Gallachar in addition to those mentioned earlier, were singularly absent from the House throughout the debate.

Incidentally it may be pointed out that Mr. Shinwell was unable to be in the House being confined to bed.

Lack of public interest was reflected by absence from public galleries of Sir Ramaswamy Mudaliar and Mr. Smaldhari Lall who is the Deputy High Commissioner for India, Sir Harising Gour and even Sir Alfred Watson.

The Dominion diplomatic galleries were similarly without their familiar occupants. Only Mrs. Amery with her sister and Lionel Fielden listened to the debate with close attention, the latter, foregoing I believe, even his lunch. There was ironic laughter in the Press gallery when Mr Percy Cudlip Editor, "Daily Herald" peeped in just when Mr. Sloan advising Mr. Attlee and his other Labour comrades on the front Opposition Benches to take heed by reading their own labour paper "Daily Herald" which that morning had advised Government to abandon "Amery's Indian hope Trick" policy.

MUSLIMS AND ASIATIC COUNCIL

LONDON, April 1.

Mr. Churchill's reference in his recent speech regarding League of Asia, has made many London Muslims wonder whether the interests of Islamic countries will engage the attention of the Allies during the creation of an Asiatic Council. It is contended by the Muslims here that Islamic affairs do not admit of argument on national grounds since Islam is international in scope and hence an Asiatic Council cannot do justice to problems which are peculiar to Muslims.—Orient Press.

SOVIET INTEREST IN INDIA

MOSCOW, April 2: The India debate in the House of Commons was fully reported in the Soviet press to-day

Further detailed reports were also printed on the progress of the offensive in Tunisia.—Reuter.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WISE, SAYS "SPECTATOR"

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 2.

Writing before the announcement of the Viceroy's refusal to permit non-party leaders to meet Gandhiji the 'Spectator" says: "On the whole it might be wise to permit interview. Both Sir T. B. Sapru and Mr. Rajagopalachari are men of wisdom and stability and there is no danger of their being carried away by Mahatma's political imaginations. He could do them no harm. They might conceivably do him some good."

Subbaroyan's Appeal To Jinnah

MADRAS, April 2.

In the course of a statement Dr. P. Subbaroyan says:—

"The Government want the Congress and Gandhiji to come to them in sack cloth and ashes expressing repentance for what has happened and giving security for good behaviour in the future. Though I am depressed for the moment at the result I am sure Rajaji has not given up hope of doing something outside the Government. I feel the key to the situation lies in Mr. Jinnah's hand. Will he act at this time of peril not only to India but to the United Nations to bring about a settlement which will solve the problem of Indian self-government and that of an all-out war effort?—A. P.

Savarkar On Amery's Speech

BOMBAY, April 2.

"There is no question of Mr. Amery taking shelter behind the extreme views expressed by the Hindu Mahasabha regarding Indian nationalism," observed Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in a statement to the 'United Press'.

Mr. Savarkar welcomed the extension of the Viceroy's Council by filling up the three vacancies and said that only such persons should be taken in, who enjoyed the confidence of the Hindu Sangathanists.

Referring to the leaders' memorandum to the Viceroy and the latter's reply thereto, Mr. Savarkar said that that he knew that it would end in a fiasco.

Mr. Savarkar supported the idea of forming interim Ministries in the provinces on the Orissa model.—United Press.

Assembly Adjourned "Sine Die"

NEW DELHI, April 2.

An adjournment motion was attempted in the Assembly this morning by Mr. Krishnamachari to discuss the Government of India's refusal on Thursday to permit interview with Mahatma Gandhi.

The Home Member objecting said that the application for interview was presumably made to the Viceroy as Head of the Government of India and his reply was based on the policy already laid down by the Government of India in regard to conditions of detention of these persons, a policy to which Government had consistently adhered.

There had been no change in that policy, which had been in existence for a considerable time and had often been before the House already.

Mr. N. M. Joshi pointed out that there had in fact been a great change in the situation. There was Mahatma Gandhi's fast, and after that the Government of India published a book containing certain facts.

In reply to the Chair's question it was stated that the interview sought was for political purposes.

The Chair observed that if the purpose was purely political and to do what was necessary to resolve the deadlock, that had been under consideration for a long time and was not a new matter. The motion was therefore out of order.

The Assembly adjourned 'sine die,' after concluding the debate on the Public Accounts Committee, agreeing to a number of demands for excess grants and after discussing the Special Haj Enquiry Report.

In the course of the debate on the Haj report, the Government were urged to appoint a Special Permanent Haj Officer as the Central Secretariat, to look after the welfare of the pilgrims: to implement all the recommendations of the report, "which had the general support of the Muslim community"; to break-up the monopoly of a Shipping Company, "without which no improvement was possible," to cancel the Kamran Quarantine station, "which had become a superfluity"; to construct Musafarkhanas for the Hajis at Calcutta and Karachi; and to provide shipping for the pilgrims next season.

Mr. Piracha complained that Government appointed enquiry committees but took no action on their reports. Sir Abdul Halim Ghaznavi wanted that Government official should not be eligible for membership of the Port Haj Committees. Syed Murtuza Sahib Bahadur referred to the recurring expenditure of 34 lakhs on the Ecclesiastical Department for the benefit of a few, and said Government hesitated to incur some non-recurring expenditure in providing amenities for the Hajis.

Syed Ghulam Bhik Narang said it was unjust to "tax pilgrims for the maintenance of the Kamran institution". Mr. H. M. Abdullah said Government should not grudge expenditure, considering the help in men and money that the Muslims were giving in the prosecution of the war. The speakers commended the work of Messrs. Aney, Bozman, Tyson and the author of the report Mr. J. A. Rahim.

Mr. G. S. Bozman, Secretary, Indians Overseas, replying pointed out that the present was a particularly inappropriate time to examine the suggestion for the appointment of a permanent Pilgrim Officer in the Department concerned. He, however, made it clear that where Haj matters were concerned, there should be no question of its taking second or third priority. Government had come to no decision, but they were making preliminary arrangements for the Haj this year in the hope that circumstances would permit them to send the ships from India to the Hedjaz. He could not give any undertaking whether that would be practicable or not. That depended not upon him, but upon Japan and similar countries but in order that these arrangements should be put through, they were going to appoint a special officer to take charge of the work before the Haj season (hear, hear.) —A.P.

MAINTENANCE OF PIR PAGARO'S FAMILY

NEW DELHI, April 2.

Mr. C. M. Trivedi, Secretary, War Department, informed Nawabzada Liakat Ali Khan in the Assembly this morning that the question of maintenance of the widows, children and dependents of the late Pir Pagaro was under Government's consideration.

The question of disposal of the confiscated property of the Pir would be considered along with other questions when Martial Law was withdrawn. Government were not aware that the property referred to was not the private property of the Pir, or that it was held by him in trust to be used for the benefit of Muslims.

Nawabzada Liakat Ali asked during the time that the matter was under consideration, how were the Pir's dependents going to live?

Mr. Trivedi said he understood that two sons of the Pir and their mother were being maintained in a manner suitable to their station at Government's expense.

THE AWAITED LETTER

BY D. F. KARAKA.

After reading the Viceroy's letter to the deputationists from the Bombay Conference, I have come to the conclusion that the letter from Mahatma Gandhi which would satisfy the Viceroy should read something like this:

"My darling brother,

You will notice the change of heart in these endearing words. Perhaps I should go further and call you my Lord and Master, and if necessary you have my assurance and that of the whole Congress that we would be willing to address you thus for the remainder of your most judicious and successful term of office. Words can hardly express how sorry we all feel for the stupid annoyance we have caused you and the members of your most Honourable Executive Council and I am the first to admit that we have all been very foolish, indeed. But forgive us just this once and I promise you that we will never do anything to incur your supreme displeasure. To err is human and in our hearts we know how wrong we have been. You alone have shown us the wisdom. You alone must guide us in the future and we, your humble servants, will follow you obediently as the night follows the day.

I know that we are not deserving of your forgiveness. But I make this one pleading request to you, hoping that the Christian in you which is very strong and the humanity for which this whole war is being fought will induce you to extend your generosity to us in forgiveness. When I am free I will pray for your victory even as I do now in this palace which you have put at my disposal. I will start the most rigorous recruiting campaign which will make it possible for you to have all the soldiers you want for the cause of freedom for which you all are fighting and I will myself apply for the rank of Sergeant Major which I relinquished in the last war. But even that I do not insist upon for I am willing to serve as an ordinary soldier in this war for the liberation of humanity, which I realise does not apply to us, for we are not a people but a sub-people even as ours in not a continent but a sub-continent.

I speak these words from the bottom of my changed heart, now cleansed with fasting and prayer. I have also removed my tongue from my cheek in case you should believe I am speaking to you these words in jest. I want you to punish me and my colleagues in the Congress and I know that no punishment will be unjust, if it comes from you. It is only in that way that we will learn to repent for our wrongs to you.

I will not say more, because your time is precious and the reading of this letter may keep you away from your arduous duties in this war. I will only repeat the slogans which are now the breath of my life: V for Victory; three cheers for the Viceroy; Long live Mr. Amery; God bless you all.

I remain, sir,
Your ever obedient and humble subject,
M. K. Gandhi.

Construction Of Deed Of Settlement

(Before the Hon. the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Kania)

Manecklji Dinshaw Petit and Another ..... Appellants (Original Defts. 2 & 3)

Versus

Sir Dinshaw Manecklji Petit, 3rd Baronet, and Others ..... Respondents (Original Plaintiffs & Defts. 1, 4, 5 & 6).

This Originating Summons raised a question of construction of a Deed of Settlement made on 17th January 1931, by Sir Dinshaw Petit, 2nd Baronet settling his private property worth about a crore and twenty-six lakhs on himself for life, then one-fourth of the income for his widow for life and the rest in favour of his three sons and their families. With regard to his sons, the settlor provided that after his death "the trustees shall divide or treat the said settled premises as divided without however actually dividing the same so long as such division may be impracticable....." and appropriate the share of each son as such. The settlor died on 29th March 1933. The question now referred to the Court for its opinion was whether the trustees were bound to allocate and ear-mark the shares of the sons or actually to separate and divide them.

Their Lordships held that reading the document as a whole, there was no doubt that the settlor had directed a division of the shares of the three sons and their Lordships granted a declaration to that effect.

TÊTE-A-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

The Chair observed that if the purpose was purely political and to do what was necessary to resolve the deadlock, that had been under consideration for a long time and was not a new matter. The motion was therefore out of order.
—Central Assembly Report.

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Attacking the Leopard, a British paper points out that "the problem is not to demolish Mr. Gandhi on paper....."

What not even on a White Paper! What outrageous impertinence!

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The Bombay Conference, the Viceroy asserts, was not representative, because organised parties such as the Muslim League were not represented.

On the other hand, the Governor-General's Executive Council is fully representative because not a single one of the Muslim Members represents any organised Muslim Party.

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Criticising Lord Linlithgow's reply, Sjt. C. Rajagopalachar says that the Viceroy was arguing in a circle.

If that is an important objection the Viceroy would with equal cheerfulness argue in any geometrical pattern provided only it wasn't a straight line leading to some unwanted point.

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"C. R.", by the way, is forced by the reply to the conclusion that Government not only don't want any reconciliation but also wish to humiliate Congress and all those who love to hear the name of the Congress.

True. But let's in fairness recognise the Government's point of view also to look at the situation. What other possible and acceptable alternative is there for them?

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Referring to rations for Indian troops, a Cairo report says: "Even animals receive special considerations. Indian camels need a differently balanced feed from Palestine camels....."

But so far as natives of India and Palestine are concerned they receive the same special consideration in their respective countries: similarly balanced special political feed.

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"We think alike on the problems that face us"—Mr. Anthony Eden's message to Mr. Cordell Hull.

The world in that case, must anxiously watch the fate of the problems.

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—Yesterday's report's stated that Eighth Army Patrols had driven 13 miles north of Gabes.

Splendid. But—where is Rommel?

Where Is Wheat?

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Much space is being wasted of newspapers in these hard days by Communiques issued by Government about wheat. We have had enough stories about Australian wheat, already arrived and to be brought. I have tried my utmost during the pats three months to find out if wheat at any reasonable price is available anywhere, but have miserably failed in all my attempts. Will the Food Commissioner tell the general public, through a Communique, how and where to obtain wheat. I understand that some bodies in this city are being supplied with wheat. For instance, the B.B. and C. I. Railway, the Bombay Electric Supply and Tramways Co., the A.R.P. organisation, the Bombay Port Trust and the City Police Force are said to be getting their normal supplies of wheat. From where do they get this supply and why such supply is denied to the general public? Will the Food Commissioner tell how much wheat he released for the use of the general public during the past three months either through the Government grain shops or through such any other recognised Agencies? It is high tide some better and sensible methods are adpoted.—Yours, etc.,

S. R. K.

Price Of Soap

I have read Mr. Dattar's letter complaining about profiteering in the various kinds of soap manufactured by Messrs. Tata Oil Mills, Ltd. As a regular user of Tata's products for many years now, I must say without any hesitation that, while it is true to some extent that these products are not as easily available at fair prices as before the war, because of extraordinary circumstances over which, I presume, the management have no control, they are nevertheless doing their best to check profiteering and but for their timely action, it would have been simply impossible to obtain their products now in the market. I say so from my personal experience. Whenever I brought to their notice either the shortage of Tata products or their sale at prices higher than the scheduled rates in the market, they promptly took note of my complaint and remedied it. The management have often assured me that if the consumers co-operated with them, they would be only too willing to eradicate the evil of profiteering, wherever it exists. In fact they have been regularly doing so since last September, when Tata soap and other products were hardly available in the market at fair prices. Thank God, conditions are better now.

K. D. U.

Bombay Govt. And Kirpan

The President, Bombay Akali Dal writes:—"The Committee of the Sikh Akali Dal in Bombay has been for the last two years striving to get the ban on the size, of Kirpans placed in Bombay Province removed. It is provided that the Kirpans to be possessed and carried by Sikhs in Bombay shall not be exceed nine inches in length. No such restriction on the size of Kirpans is placed in any other part of India. To the Sikhs the Kirpan is a holy symbol and the restriction placed in Bombay is felt to be galling and on undue interference in the religious rites of the Sikhs. The resolutions passed by the All-India Sikh Conference in 1942 and 1943 clearly show that there is a deep feeling of resentment among Sikh all over India. It is hence deplorable that the Government of Bombay should have turned down all efforts made by the Akali Dal Bombay to get the order placing this restriction revised and set aside It is understood that the Government of India is also moved in this matter to intervene in time to stop the situation from deteriorating."

Ungracious In Extreme!

Mr. B. F. Bharucha, writes:—

Once again, the bureaucracy has bungled! It has refused permission to Dr. B. C. Roy to see Gandhiji! Does it realise, what memorable service Dr. Roy and his colleagues have rendered to the Government and people of India during the historic fast of Gandhiji? Had Gandhiji collapsed, what a catastrophe would have befallen on the rulers and the ruled in India! To refuse permission to Dr. Roy to see Gandhiji is ungracious in extreme. Let the authorities revise their decision early.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay April 2.

SHARES:—The Government of India desires to make it clear that the measures contemplated are intended to lead to a comprehensive scheme of cloth and yarn control designed to produce an increase in production and to ensure that cloth and yarn reach the ultimate consumers at reasonable prices. The local Share Bazar failed to have any effect on the course of prices. Trading was of a mixed character and quotations fluctuated within a narrow range. There was some unloading in cotton mill shares. It remains to be seen what will be contract system and what effect the same will have on profits. It is true that the Indian textile industry enjoyed phenomenal prosperity but now it will not be able to have those large earnings. The industry thrived at the expense of consumers aided by expansion of currency but present cloth prices are prohibitive for millions of poor people of this country. Thus it can be said that we have seen the best during the past few months.

The Wall Street market yesterday opened strong and recovered although many leaders were unable to follow the rise which was attributed to better Tunisian news, and investment demand. Later there developed profit-taking and the volume dwindled and numerous issues failed to climb from minus and declines were plentiful.

In the local market Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 1800 and declined to Rs. 1795 but later improved to Rs. 1812. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 371 and improved to Rs. 374. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1890 and after declining to Rs. 1875 rallied to Rs. 1885. Century Mill shares opened at Rs. 767 and improved to Rs. 770. At this level there was increased selling and quotation downturned to Rs. 758 and steadied at Rs. 764. Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 222. Later on there was moderate buying and quotations improved further. Tata Steel Dfds were quoted at Rs. 1840 and Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 380. Bombay Dyeings stood at Rs. 1905 and Century shares were placed at Rs. 774. Tone was steady.

TEXTILE SECTION: Ahmedabad Advance 475; Apollo Mills 5/10; Bom. Dyeing 1905; Cent. India 474; Century 771; Colaba Land xd 244; Dawn 1340; E. D. Sassoon 18/8; E. D. Sassoon 3/11; Edward Sassoon 432/8; Elphinstone 90; Finlay 377; Gokak 387; Hindustan 4140; Ind. Manfg. 4240; Indore Malwa 1215; Khatau 456/4; Kohinoor 744; Lakshmi 1385; Madhowji 27; Minerva 210; Model Nagpur 340; Madhusudan 615; Morarji 1190; Meyer Sassoon 171/4; Mysore 268/12; New Great 432; Phoenix 860; Podar Mills 347/8; Sassoon Silk 110; Sassoon Cotton 28; Sholapur 10300; Shri Nivas 472/8; Simplex 320; Swadeshi 593; Swan 358; Bharat Mills 88; Ind. Bleaching 246; Tata Mills 59; Vishnu 2440; Western India 3550.

INSURANCE SECTION:—Bom. Life 162/8; Empire Life 695; Indust and Prudent 34; Ind. Mercantile 74; Jupiter 18; New India 71; Oriental 4650; Vulcan 13/12.

HYDRO & ELEC. SECTION:—Ahmedabad 195; Ajmere 14/4; And. Valley Ordy 1820; Bom. Tram Ordy 149/8; Bom. Suburban 187/8; Broach xd 251/8; Poona 267/4; Surat 191; Surat New Rs. 50/Pd. 70; Tata Hydro Ordy 191/4; Tata Power Ordy 1750.

BANK SECTION:—Baroda Bank 127/8; Bank of India 156; Central Bank xd. 60/8; Imperial Bank F. P. 1750; Imperial Bank F.P. 432/8; Reserve 109; Union xd 8.

COTTON:—The Government of India has issued a Press communique in which traders are warned that action is under consideration and intend to take effective steps to prevent trading in new crops being opened in hedge contracts but delivery contracts for specific types and delivery at fixed prices will be permissible. It is clear that hedge contracts upto July delivery will continue. In the mean time the trade is awaiting developments. It is a known fact that this year the cotton crop is short and every pound of cotton available will be required by Mills. The market is oversold and those who have short sales will find it difficult at the time of maturity of contracts. The Government warning resulted in a further decline of about Rs 20 in cotton prices. In the morning May was quoted at Rs. 508 but later the regular session opened at Rs. 519 and declined to Rs. 514 on scattered liquidation. Later on there was moderate covering and prices steadied at Rs. 517. Later on shorts came in to cover and offerings being limited, prices advanced steadily to Rs. 529. Some realising appeared at this level and prices reacted to Rs. 526. The market closed at 5 p.m with May Rs. 527 and July Rs. 533.

BULLION:—On Thursday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d and New York silver was placed at 44 3/4 cents. The local market was fairly steady to-day with a moderate demand. Silver opened at Rs. 109/10 and after declining to Rs. 109/8 advanced to Rs. 109/14. Gold was also steady at Rs. 71/2. Quotations were as under: Ready gold Rs. 71/8, Chaitra Rs. 71/5. Ready silver Rs. 110/12, Chaitra Rs. 110/4.

SEEDS:—The seeds market was fairly steady with a moderate turnover. The weakness in cotton market failed to have any effect. Groundnuts May opened at Rs. 98 and improved to Rs. 98/8. Castorseeds May were being done at Rs. 92 and Linseed May was placed at Rs. 10-9-9. Later on there was considerable buying prices firmed up. Quotations: Groundnuts May opening Rs. 98 highest Rs. 101/8, close Rs. 100/8. Castorseeds May opening Rs. 92/8, highest Rs. 94/8, close Rs. 94/4. Linseed May Rs. 10/11.

RAILWAY SECTION:—Ahmedabad Prantej 870; Cent Prov 108; Dhond Baramati 105; Gujarat 101; Hoshangabad Doab 106; Mandra Bhon 106; Mymensing Rebate xd 104; Mymensing Gtd 107; Pachora Jamner 100; Sara Sirajganj xd 104/8; Sialkot Narowal 115; Sialkot New 48; Upper Sind Light 115.

MISC. SECTION: Alembic Chemical 335; Alcock Ashdown 732/8; Asso Cement 221; B B Petrol 2/1; Belapur 230; Bom Burma Old 320; Bom Burma New 111/4; Bom Steam 497/8; Radio ord 430; Radio defd 442/8; Investment Trust xd 58; Prem Const 154/8; Port Canning 95; Scindia 29/8; Shivrajpur 72/8; Tata ord 381; Tata defd 1842/8; Tata Chemical 33/14; Tata Oil 86/8; Wimco 345/10; Burma Corp 2/12; B.I.C. ord xd 5/12; Indian Copper 2-4 1/2; Indian Iron 35/2; Steel Corp 25/8; New Vict ord 8/6.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, April 2.

New York cotton prices advanced to new heights for the season on Thursday on more aggressive price fixing against Government textile orders and buying credited to Tyre Mill account but the improvement encountered limited offerings. Reports of the possibility of co-operation between farm organisations and labour to increase wage and farm prices attracted attention. The market was steady.

PRIVATE CABLES.

N. Y. July highest (11-32 a.m.) 20.28+07
N. Y. July lowest (10-9 a.m ..... 20.20—01

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, April 1.

May 20.45+05; July 20.25+05; October 20.05+05; December 20.02+06; January 20.00+06; March 19.96+05; Middling spot 22.24.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

May 20.73+04; July 20.57+05; October 20.37+06; Middling spot 21.14.

METAL QUOTATIONS

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs 300: 28 275; 35 250; 42 242; 49-56 237.

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs. 235; 24 206; 28 200; 35 187: 42 183: 49-56 185.

Settlement rates:—
Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 253; Tejimandi Rs. 8-8-0.
Market Tone:—Firm.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (July)

New York, April 2.

Previous closing 20.26
To-day's opening 20.28
Difference ..... +02

CROSS RATES

T. T NEW YORK ON LONDON
Previous closing 4.03
T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK
To-day's opening and closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON MARKETS

London, April 2.

GOLD AND SILVER
London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0
Spot and Forward 23 1/2d.

CROSS RATES
London on Bombay 1-6 1/32 sellers; 1-6 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30.37) 30.37

DISCOUNTS
3 months 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

SEEDS
Castorseeds Bombay April/May £38
Linseed Calcutta April/May £25
Linseed La Plata April/May £19 3/4
Groundnut Coromandal April/May East Coast Indian shipment £38 West Coast Indian shipment £38

METALS.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was quietly steady.

LOANS

3 per cent Australian Commonwealth £102 1/16; 2 1/2 per cent British Consols £82 1/8; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 3/8; 3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 9/16; 4 per cent War Loan £114 1/8; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £106 1/16; 3 1/2 per cent War Loan £101 1/4; 4 per cent Victory Bonds £114 3/16.

Money Market

Bombay, April 2.

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 5/16 Three Months
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 5/16 Four Months
R C Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/6 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 5/32
LONDON/NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs. 326 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 294 3/4
LONDON/BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2
LONDON/STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Rs 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs 63.04 D D Rs 62.04
LISBON/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T — D D 1/1; 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady Dull
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call one and two months 1/4 per cent
3 to 9 months 3/4 per cent
10 to 12 months 1 per cent
Tone:—Enquiry sustained.

YARN MARKET

Bombay, March 31.

The important event during the week has been the rumours of Control in prices of yarns from the Central Government and this had a heavy effect in yarn prices. There were violent fluctuations in the local market and it was rumoured that the prices that are to be fixed by the Government will be round about the Textile Panel rates. Prices in the market began to decline in the beginning of the week but later improved due to covering and on the view that the control will not be coming in the immediate future. Whether this view is correct or not will be seen in the next few days. Anyhow the rumours have created a lot of confusion in the local market and as a result, confusion hardly leads to any higher prices. Some of the local dealers have thought it wise to liquidate their stocks as a result of uncertainty and on the fear that perhaps such an order may be issued by the Central Government for all provinces. Others however take the view that such an order will be delayed and will hardly be issued by the Central Government. The uncertainty caused by such rumours has continued since four days with the result that prices in cotton yarn have been fluctuating very heavily with an uncertain tendency at the close. On the whole the Indian yarn prices have been lowered by about four annas per lb. but the undertone continues to remain uncertain. The control rumour had its effect on the cotton market where prices declined sympathetically. It is reported cloth had very little effect as stocks are much less. The Export Trade is still standstill as shipping difficulties are the same as before. The undertone is weak and the future is uncertain.

INDIAN YARNS: Violent fluctuations were experienced in this class of yarns and prices went down by Rs. 150 per bale in the beginning of the week. Later they improved by Rs. 75 per bale as the dealers think that control will be delayed. The Bombay Yarn Exchange closed weak and the future remained uncertain.

SUGAR MARGET

Messrs. Parekh and Co., state:—
Another week of featureless activities rolled on for the Indian sugar section. Arrivals slowed down to a figure of only 8,000 bags during the week as expected. About 9,000 bags were reported released and delivered to the Cotton Mill-owners for distribution among their workers. Further 20,000 bags are reported delivered to a local European firm for rumoured export to Ceylon. Over and above these about 1,200 bags per day are reported to have gone into consumption on an average. Local stocks of Indian sugar are estimated to be about 1,53,000 bags. The wisdom or otherwise of stopping railments from U. P. and Bihar Mills will be self evident shortly. In the first place present stocks are not too plentyful and as stated in our last report Bombay's requirements till the end of November 1943 stand short by about 2,80,000 bags. Rumours are current to the effect that export of Indian sugar to Persian Gulf may also be possible shortly. If that proves a fact further inroads will be made on the present stocks of Bombay. It is also reported that merchants from Kathiawar States and Agency Towns have sent their protests to the A.G.G. and the Sugar Controller for India against the monopoly of sugar distribution given to a Bombay firm thus throwing out the trading community of Kathiawar from their agelong regular sugar trade.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, April 1.

I.C.C. May highest 534: lowest 524 1/2; closing 528.
I.C.C. July highest 542; lowest 532 1/2; closing 535 1/2.

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S RACES

(From Our Racing Correspondent.)

The last day of the Spring Meeting which is due for decision to-day at Mahaluxmi has big-sized fields in most events.

Tatter-Sol is greatly fancied in the chief event, the Carnarvon Plate.

Janab and Royal Page have excellent chances in their respective events.

The following are my selections:—

1ST RACE:
INTIDHAR AL SHABAB 1
SOLFERINO 2
DEFIANT ..... F

2ND RACE:
JANAB 1
HINDUSTAN 2
JOWDAT AL IRAQ ..... F

3RD RACE:
AIR ACE 1
MANAK 2
BEAU JOR ..... F

4TH RACE:
TELEGRAPH 1
CAN CAN 2
AMERICAN BEAUTY ..... F

5TH RACE:
KAID SAUD 1
ALA HONAK 2
NIBRAS ..... F

6TH RACE:
TATTER-SOL 1
SOLMINT 2
NIGHT SENTRY ..... F

7TH RACE:
ROYAL PAGE 1
GAY SONGSTER 2
HIGH LIGHTS ..... F

8TH RACE:
CHURCHILL 1
PRINCE HAMID 2
MOHANMALA ..... F

9TH RACE:
ASSAF MAHMUD 1
KING SOLOMON 2
DESERT GEM ..... F

DOUBLE EVENT:
AIR ACE
TATTER-SOL

TREBLE EVENT:
KAID SAUD
ROYAL PAGE
CHURCHILL

DARK FLUKES:
TIME STEP
ENJEU

Trade & Finance

BETTER DEMAND FOR MONEY

(From Our Special Correspondent)

Bombay, April 2.

MONEY: There was some evidence of a better seasonal demand for money in the local market. For interbank call money, there were borrowers at 1/2 per cent though term money rates remained unchanged around 1 per cent. There was a marked fall in the applications for Treasury Bills. Out of Rs. 8 crores invited, only Rs. 1.80 crores were tendered. This may be due to the need for the financing of cotton movements and also due to air-raids on South-eastern Bengal. An additional factor was the heavy drop in cotton prices following the Finance Member's warning to the trade and the consequent differences that had to be met at the time of the clearing. The yield on Treasury Bills was a fraction higher at Rs. 1-1-11 per cent per annum. Intermediate bills to the extent of Rs. 64 lacs were sold during the week.

The weekly statement of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 26th March 1943, records a rise of Rs. 24.35 crores in the Sterling Securities held by the Bank. Rupee Coin is down by Rs. 47.38 lacs, whereas Rupee Securities are heavily down by Rs. 19.95 crores. Notes in circulation are up by Rs. 4.26 crores and the total note issue has expanded by Rs. 4.52 crores. In the Banking Department, Government balances are up by Rs. 6.58 crores, but Bankers' Deposits show a decline of Rs. 3 crores. Balances held abroad show a small decline of Rs. 50.63 lacs.

GOLD: Consistent bombing on the South Eastern part of Bengal, a better demand for ready gold and inflation psychology were mostly responsible for the firm tone which developed in the bullion market during the week under review. From Rs. 70-5 at the start, ready gold went up to Rs. 71 on Saturday, and after declining to Rs. 70-6-6 the next day, firmed up again to Rs. 71-7 at the close. Floating stocks of the metal are estimated to be about 100,000 tolas; arrivals from up-country average about 4,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake for trade purposes is believed to be 3,000 tolas.

SILVER: Despite the setback in cotton and other commodity markets the silver section of the local bullion market was inclined to be very steady. Spot silver of .999 fineness, which was quoted at Rs. 109 at the opening, went up to Rs. 110-11 on Saturday, and after a temporary setback to Rs. 109-3 on Monday, closed firmer again at Rs. 111-12. Floating stocks of silver are estimated around 1,500 bars.

SHARES: Close upon the heels of the warning of the Finance Member to the cotton trade which unnerved the stock market last week came the report of a revival of enemy activity over the South-eastern part of Bengal. There was considerable nervous selling and prices fell precipitately all-round, but more particularly in the case of steels owing to their vulnerability of their factory sites. The market, however, soon recovered from the shock and on the reappearance of buyers at lower level, prices staged a recovery, closing well above the opening level. The turnover was fairly large.

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MADRAS, April 2.

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FOURTH INDIAN COTTON FORECAST

CALCUTTA, April 2.

Due chiefly to the restriction of sowings as a result of "grow more food crops" campaign, a decrease of 26 per cent in the total production of cotton in India is estimated for the year 1943/44, according to the fourth cotton forecast issued by the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics. The figures are 4,429,000 bales of 401 lb. each as against 5,013,000 bales last year. The total area under the crop is 18,716,000 acres, as against 23,459,000 last year, or a decrease of 20 per cent.—A.P.

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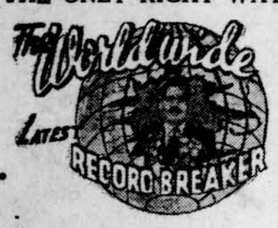

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CURRENT AND COMING INDIAN FILMS

By T. V. P.

The new Indian film in town is "Ghar Sansar" of Sunrise Pictures, to be released to-day at Novelty. The picture is already reported to be a great success in Calcutta, Delhi, Bangalore and Karachi and there is no reason why it should not be a similar success in Bombay.

The theme of the story is the sacrifices that an elder brother and his wife put up with to make life happy for the younger brother. Mazharkhan, who has acted in such roles before, besides Sardar Akhtar, Kajjan and Nazir, is featured in this picture.

Sardar Akhtar in "Ghar Sansar" to be released to-day at Novelty.

"Nai Kahani" At West End

Prabhav's "Nai Kahani" which was released last Saturday at West End by Famous Pictures is a faithful filmic reproduction of a screenplay by Mr. Ahmed Abbas. Director Kashyap took care to imbibe the author's spirit and the author is more than satisfied with his effort.

The story is unusual inasmuch, three different types of young men fall in love with a girl and are rivals for her hand. With the determination and culture of a woman who loves but once, the heroine sticks to her first choice, so far as marriage was concerned. She remains not only a kind and generous friend of the other two, but actually leads them over to their former and natural loves.

The treatment of the theme, may, therefore, strike as conservative and conventional to some pseudo-progressivists. Rose acts the heroine in a fascinating style and Banerji and Nandrekar give her good support. Jairaj as Nandu perhaps, carries the acting honours of the picture.

'Basant' Scores Six Jubilees

Bombay Talkies' "Basant" in the 37th week at Majestic is well on its way to its golden jubilee. During the past two weeks, this Devika Rani production completed 25 weeks at Calcutta and Hyderabad. It is getting excellent welcome wherever it goes. "Kismet", another Bombay Talkies' film, produced by S. Mookerji is in its 12th week at Roxy, with full houses for every show. Records of "Kismet" songs by H.M.V. are said to be in very great demand, which is a sure proof of their great popularity.

'Manglagour' At Central

Though Snehprabha has appeared in seven pictures before, it is the first time that she plays the role of a newly wed wife in Navyug's "Pahili Manglagour" running to crowded houses in its fourth week at Central. In this different type of role not only she maintains her former standard of acting but rises to new heights of glory.

Shantaram's 'Shakuntala'

The story of "Shakuntala" nearing completion at Rajkamal Kalamandir is familiar to every student of Indian Literature. But all those who have read the original drama have a big surprise in store for them in Rajkamal's screen version of "Shakuntala". For in transcribing the original play to screen Shantaram is reported to have given it a new social orientation.

For the coveted role of Shakuntala, Shantaram has selected Jayashree who answers exactly to the description of 'Kalidas' creation. Chandramohan is playing Dushyant.

Shobhana Samarth's Rise

Perhaps no other artiste has had such a meteoric rise to fame as Shobhana Samarth who, during the past four years or so, has had more stellar roles to her credit than have fallen to the lot of any other leading lady in Indian pictures.

In Indian Art Pictures' "Vijay Laxmi", she acts as the educated young girl who inspires her down-and-out graduate lover to shake off the shackles of the slavery of service and start on an independent career of business and gives a performance that is quite different from anything she has done before. The man opposite her is Motilal.

"Kashinath" At Krishna

"Kashinath", in third week at Krishna is a beautiful film version of Sarat Chatterji's gripping story in Bengali. Young Kashinath and young Bindu make a particularly attractive pair. The Director Nitin Bose, provides numerous occasions for appreciation of his special art as you see the film.

"Fariad" At Opera House

Ranjit's "Fariad" starring Ishwarlal, Shamim, Mubarak, Rama Shukul, Phatak and others is now running in the fourth week at Opera House. The gripping story and witty dialogues of "Fariad" have obviously caught.

City And Suburbs

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Hindu: Falgun Vad 14, 1999.
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Hightide: 10-58, 23-21, Lowtide 4-57, 17-00.

DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS

DEWAN BAHADUR K. M. JHAVERI: Will be felicitated on completing his 75th year at the Blavatsky Lodge French Bridge at 6 p.m. (S.T.) to-day (Saturday), under the auspices of Prof. Deodhar's School of Indian Music Kala Mandal and Gujarat Kala Mandal. Sir Chimanlal Setalvad will preside.

ANJUMAN-I-ISLAM OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION: A Public Lecture will be delivered by Mr. S. A. Dange on "Socialism in India" at the Anjuman School Hall, to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. Mr. Syed Sajjad Zaheer, will preside.

ARYA SAMAJ BOMBAY: The Anniversary of the Bombay Arya Samaj will be celebrated from to-day (Saturday), for three days, till the 5th Monday inclusive. On Monday the 5th April, there will be a special meeting held to celebrate the Founding Day of the Bombay Samaj together with the celebrations in honour of completion of two thousand years of Emperor Vikramaditya Maharaja Shaka. Sjt. K. M. Munshi will preside.

MAZDAZNAN: Exercises, 8 to 9 a.m. Exercise Class for Children at 3-30 p.m. Lecture by Prof. D. D. Kanga, at 6-15 p.m. Subject "What is Wrong With the World Organisem?" at Industrial Assurance Building, Eros Circle.

HEADMASTERS' ASSOCIATION: The Headmasters' Association of Bombay and Bombay Suburbs will meet Mr. S. N. Moos, Director of Public Instruction? at a social function to-day (Saturday), at 3 p.m. at the Chikit Sak Samoha High School.

RAMKRISHNA MISSION: Discourse By Swami Sambuddhanand to-day (Saturday) at Batliboi's Institute, Prescott Road in English on Vedanta Philosophy at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.).

Swami Sambuddhanandaji will give a discourse on "Kena Upanishad" to-day (Saturday), at the Centre premises, 64 Portuguese Church Road, B.B. and C.I., at 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: There will be a discourse in Marathi on 'Jnaneshwari' by Sri D. V. Sabnis, at 5 p.m.

DADAR SANGIT MANDAL: Musical concert by Khansaheb Faiyaz Khan of Baroda, at 9-30 p.m. Vanmali Hall, Dadar, to-day.

IN AID OF SCHOOL BUILDING FUND: The students of the South Indian Education Society's High School will put on boards 'Vasanta Sena' (in Tamil) to-day at 9-15 p.m. (S.T.) at the School Hall, Brahmanwada Road, Matunga (G.I.P.).

The entire proceeds will be handed over to the School Building Fund.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadesak Pandit Nitaidas Brahmachari Bhakti Sastry Ragalankar will speak on "The relation between Brahma, Shiva and Vishnu" in English today (Saturday), and to-morrow (Sunday), at 5-30 p.m. in the premises of Sri Gaudiya Math, Culliandas Building, Gowalia Tank Road.

CHRISTI PRAGATIC SABHA: A lecture by Ambika Behare on "War and Women" at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House to-day (Saturday), at 8-30 p.m. Miss Vatsala Thorat will preside.

THE ACADEMY OF ISLAM: Exhibition of hand work to-morrow (Sunday), at 3-45 p.m. at the Anjumane Islam Hall, Bori Bunder. All ladies cordially invited to bring 3 different kinds of hand work to exhibit. First and second prizes will be given to the most beautiful embroidery. The judges are H. H. The Begum Saheba of Janjira. The Begum of Belha, Mme. Gague, and the Lady Bhutto. H. H. The Maharani of Rajpipla will give away the prizes. Atiya Begum will display 6 exquisite varieties of handwork, and speak on them. Mrs. Freny Cama will sing songs. Enquiries 41350.

SOCIAL WORKERS' SOCIETY: For sanitary rounds and visiting chawls, the members of the Society will meet to-morrow (Sunday), at 9-30 a.m. at Foras Road Tram Junction.

INTERNATIONAL FORUM: Prof. V. Y. Kantak will speak on "Certain Aspects of Modern English Literature" in the Hall of the Y.W.C.A. to-morrow (Sunday), at 10-30 a.m.

CONCERT IN AID OF BOMBAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: A Variety Entertainment in aid of the Bombay Historical Society's scheme of annual Bibliography of Indian History and Indology will be held at Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 4 Mr. B. J. Wadia, Vice-Chancellor of the Bombay University, will preside. Classical songs by Miss Lalita Nayampally and Miss Nalini Padukone, Kathak dances by Miss Sumiti Samsi and violin recital by Master Gajanan Karnad will be among the items of the programme.

Tickets at Rs. 5, 3, 2 and 1 are available from Mr. I. B. Patel, honorary secretary of the Society, at Patel Bros., 432 Kalbadevi Road, and from Mr. R. G. Gyani, the treasurer of the Society at the Prince of Wales Museum.

DR. SARDESAI'S 61ST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: A meeting to celebrate the 61st birthday of Dr. D. S. Sardesai will be held at Blavatsky Lodge, French Bridge, at 5-30 p.m. on Sunday (April 4). Dr. J. A. Collaco, will preside.

Discoverer Of M & B 693 Made An F.R.S.

The honour of the Fellowship of the Royal Society has just been conferred on Dr Arthur James Ewins, Director of Research of the May and Baker Laboratories at Dagenham, England. This honour, which is the highest scientific distinction attainable in Great Britain, has been conferred on him in recognition of his outstanding achievements as leader of the May and Baker research team who were responsible for the discovery of M. and B. 693, which they followed up shortly afterwards with the very similar compound, Sulphathiazole.

The Half-Column

By "Dim"

Note with regret that Chief Justice Beaumont retiring September or October. Note with greater regret that Government could not find suitable Indian to succeed him. Thereby Government casts a slur on those of our countrymen who should have been considered for this high office. I suppose there is limit to this humiliation.

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Observation in yesterday's 'Chronicle' (Frankly Speaking) worth repeating. Says 'Chronicle': "It (i.e. Indian Air Force) has a few squadrons after a life of ten years and a war of nearly four years in a subcontinent of nearly four hundred million people!" Bravo! India is rightly proud of its rulers.

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Governor Colville said at I.A.F. parade: "If parade was any criterion then there was no douubt that these men would prove their worth." Unfortunately men of Indian Air Force have to do more than parade—so we presume that parade was no criterion.

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Mister Churchill said at Conservative University Conference that Britain was waging bitter and inexorable war to ensure that spirit of liberty and human dignity shall triumph over Satanic forces etcetera, etcetera, etcetera. Mister Churchill is a master of prose. Unfortunately he talks one language in Britain and another to India. Presumably there is no human dignity in India, so this bouquet of words no use to us.

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A correspondent sends following entries for Pedigree Stakes:

Fanaticism (by Jinnah out of Muslim League).
No Programme (by Savarkar out of Mahasabha).
Hope (by Rajagopalacharlar out of Nothing).
Hero Worship (by Nehru out of Youth).
Truth (by Gandhi out of Non-Violence).
Repression (by Maxwell out of D. I. Rules).
Deadlock I (by Linlithgow out of New Delhi).
Deadlock II (by Amery out of India Office).
Independence (by Common-Front out of Unity).
Justice (by United Nations out of Democracy).

AGA KHAN HOCKEY

Deolali Win Unimpressive Game

Deolali won yesterday's Aga Khan fixture against Khatau S. C. by three love. The winners' form was unimpressive, but this might be explained by the fact that it was their first appearance.

Deolali opened their account in the twenty seventh minute, and preserved this lead until the interval.

In the second half, they added two more to their account.

TO-DAY'S GAME—6 P.M.
Bhagwant Club v. Young Sports.

City Bus Ablaze

BOMBAY, Friday.

The lives of a busload of passengers were saved by the prompt action of Inspector Dongre, of the new Dadar Police Station, when a B.E.S.T. bus caught fire near the Tilak Bridge on Wednesday night.

The fire was the result of combustion in the engine, it is said.

The bus was reduced to cinders and was a wreckage of charred and twisted mass of metal.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP'S ACTIVITIES.

The Progressive Group completed a very successful year on Monday, 26th March, when the Annual General Meeting took place at Green's to elect office-bearers and members of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year.

Rusay Karanjia heads the Group for another year with Homi J. H. Taleyarkhan, the Secretary for the last two years, Mr. T. D. Desai continues as Vice-President and Mr. J. V. Bhagat as the other secretary. Mr. A. A. Mecklai takes over the Treasurership from Miss Mooe, and Mrs. Elenor Billimoria, Mr. H.J.B. Chinoy, A. S. Oomer, M. H. Kajiji and S. K. Karanjia come in as members

In his speech, the President referred to the year's activities and gave an idea of the plan he and his committee hoped to follow this year, which would expand still further the varied interests of the Group.

DEVADIGA SUDHARAKA SANGHA: Office-bearers for the current year:—President: L. B. Ullal; Vice-President: B. P. Shriyan; Jt. Hon. Secretaries: K. Shrinivas and H. Shreenivas; Jt. Hon. Treasurers: Y. K. Somanath and B. K. Shriyan; Captain: P. Ramaya; Vice-Captain: Sheena Shriyan.

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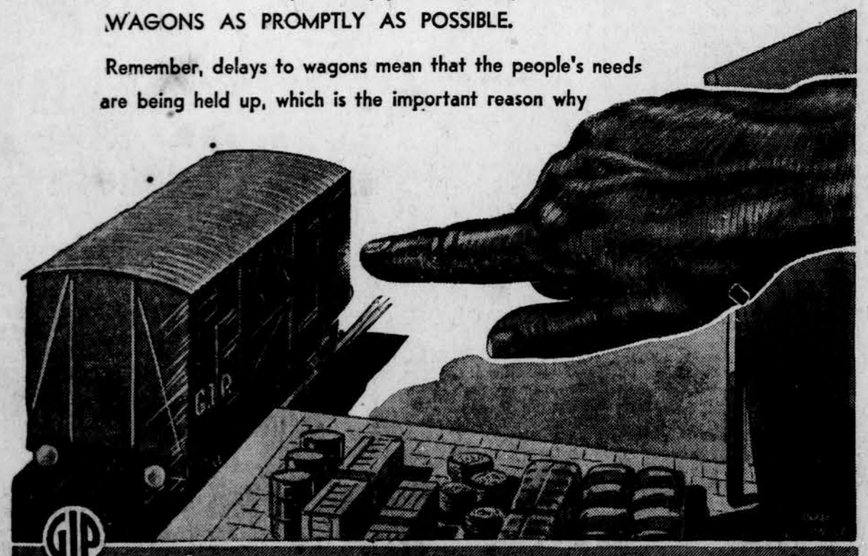

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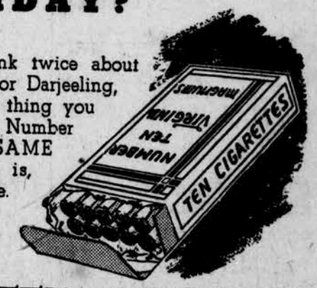

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